

ARTHUR SWANN HOWARD LOWE was the youngest son of the late Alfred Joseph Lowe, J.P. for Nottinghamshire, and was born on December 4, 1826, at Highfield House, in the parish of Lenton, near Nottingham. He received his early education at Mr. Fletcher's school in Nottingham, and with private tutors at home.

In 1852 he entered the Nottinghamshire Militia, and eventually became colonel of that regiment, which he commanded up to the summer of 1887, when failing health compelled him to resign. During this long period of service he took a very active interest in everything that concerned the welfare and satisfactory condition of his regiment.

Colonel Lowe was greatly interested in all scientific pursuits, taking regular meteorological observations and watching astronomical phenomena with much zeal. He rendered material assistance to his brother, Mr. E. J. Lowe, in the preparation of a work on "The Climate of Nottingham." He was an excellent draughtsman, and undertook many illustrations of birds and their eggs. All the drawings of freshwater Mollusca, published in "The Conchology of Nottingham," were made by him.

Colonel Lowe was for many years a Life Member of the British Association, and also a Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society. He was a magistrate for the county of Essex, and resided at Gosfield Hall, Halstead, where his death took place on August 4, 1888, after some months' illness.

He was elected a Fellow of this Society 1857, January 9.

OLE PETER MÖLLER was born in Denmark on July 22, 1831. He came to England as a youth, and was for more than thirty years a partner in the eminent firm of Galbraith, Pembroke & Co., of Austin Friars. He took a prominent part in all matters relating to sailors, more especially to Scandinavians. He was much interested in the building of the Norwegian Sailors' Church at Rotherhithe. Mr. Möller was also a Director of the Society for the Relief of Foreigners in Distress. In recognition of his services to the Scandinavian section of the Exhibition of 1862, and his ever-ready assistance in all matters relating to Sweden and Norway, H.M. King Oscar created him a Knight of the Order of St. Olaf. Though a lover of science, more especially of astronomy, Mr. Möller did not undertake any active scientific labour.

He was elected a Fellow of this Society 1886, February 12.

JAMES DYSON PERRINS was born on November 27, 1823. As a young man he devoted himself to the study of chemistry, and published some researches on the organic base Berberine in the *Journal of the Chemical Society* and the *Annales de Chimie*. Mr. Perrins was early connected with the well-known firm of Messrs. Lea & Perrins at Worcester, with whom he remained an active partner up to the time of his decease. In his time he served in

many capacities in Worcester and the county. In 1860 he was returned to the Council of Worcester; in 1863 he was elected Sheriff, and in the following year became Mayor. Subsequently he was appointed Alderman. In the year 1871 he qualified as a Magistrate for the city, and in 1875 as a Magistrate for the county. In 1874 he was appointed a Severn Commissioner, and in 1885-86 he was elected to fill the position of High Sheriff of the county, a distinction which was evidence of the regard in which he was universally held.

Mr. Perrins took considerable interest in the advancement of the educational institutions in Worcester. He contributed in the most liberal manner to the Victoria Institute, the Public Library, the North Malvern School, and many charitable and useful institutions. The great fortune which fell to his lot was regarded by him as a possession involving commensurate responsibilities, and he was always a generous friend to any movement which expressed the educational and intelligent aspirations of the time. He was a connoisseur in art, and formed a valuable collection of pictures. He was much interested in literature and science, and was well read on many subjects. To this Society he presented a valuable 6-prism automatic spectroscope.

The death of Mr. Perrins, which took place February 26, 1887, leaves a considerable blank in the public and social life of the county of Worcester.

He was elected a Fellow of this Society 1870, May 13.

RICHARD ANTHONY PROCTOR was born in Cheyne Row, Chelsea, on March 23, 1837. He was the youngest of four children, two sons and two daughters, and was rather a delicate child. His mother seems to have been a clever woman. She kept him at home as long as possible, attending to his education herself. His boyish contemporaries remember him as a great reader, devouring books of a more advanced type than boys usually care for. His father, who was a solicitor with literary tastes, died when his little son was thirteen years old.

During later boyhood, Richard Proctor's health improved, and he was sent first to King's College, London, and then to St. John's College, Cambridge, where he obtained a scholarship. While an undergraduate his health still further improved, and he became decidedly athletic. He was captain of the "Lady Somerset," a Johnian Boating Club, and brought his boat up several places on the river.

During his second year at Cambridge he lost his mother, to whom he was devotedly attached; and shortly afterwards, while travelling with his sister, he fell in love with a young Irish lady, to whom he was privately married while at college. He came out in the Honours list of 1860 as twenty-third wrangler, a degree which greatly disappointed his friends, many of whom had already recognised his remarkable talent. Feeling unable to fulfil his mother's wish, and enter the Church, he commenced